

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of James B. Peake, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call of the chair.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 182 public bills, H.R. 4524–4705; 2 private bills, H.R. 4706–4707; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 70; and H. Res. 874–875 were introduced. **Pages H15464–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H15469–70**

Report Filed: The following report was filed today.

H. Res. 873, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–493). **Pages H15438, H15464**

Speaker: The Speaker designated the Honorable Ellen O. Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H15417**

Chaplain: Today's prayer was offered by the House Chaplain, Rev. Daniel Coughlin. **Page H15417**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H15418.

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008: The House passed the conference report to H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 1160. **Pages H15426–38**

Rejected the Hoekstra motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to the managers on the part of the House, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 205 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 1159.

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H. Res. 859, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2082) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 191

nays, Roll No. 1158, after agreeing to order the previous question, by the yeas-and-nays of 226 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 1157. **Pages H15420–22, H15424–26**

Pursuant to the resolution, H. Res. 839, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and H. Res. 850, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules are laid on the table.

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Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008: The House passed H.J. Res. 69, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 385 yeas to 27 nays, Roll No. 1162.

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Point of order sustained against the Lewis of California motion to recommit the joint resolution H.J. Res. 69 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment. **Page H15440**

Agreed to table the Lewis of California motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 1161.

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H. Res. 869, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 69) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 1156.

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Oath of Office—Fifth Congressional District of Ohio: Representative-elect Robert E. Latta presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a letter from the Honorable Jennifer Brunner, Secretary of State, State of Ohio, indicating that, according to the returns of the Special Election held on December 11, 2007, the

Honorable Robert E. Latta was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifth Congressional District, State of Ohio.

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Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Virginia: Representative-elect Robert J. “Rob” Wittman presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a letter from the Honorable Nancy Rodrigues, Secretary, State Board of Elections, Commonwealth of Virginia, indicating that, according to the returns of the Special Election held on December 11, 2007, the Honorable Robert J. “Rob” Wittman was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Robert E. Latta and the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Robert J. “Rob” Wittman, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 17, for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, December 19.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through December 17, 2007.

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Senate Referrals: S. 2271 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform., Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Education and Labor; S. 1245 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H15424, H15425, H15425–26, H15436–37, H15437–38, H15440 and H15442–43. There were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CIA INTERROGATION PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hear-

ing on CIA Interrogation Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

GLOBAL MARITIME STRATEGY INITIATIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on global maritime strategy initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

CBO's LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on CBO's Long-Term Budget Outlook. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began consideration of H.R. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

PRIORITIZING RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 4279, Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Sigal P. Mandelker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

STATE-RUN JUVENILE BOOT CAMPS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on oversight of State-Run Juvenile Correctional Facilities known as “Boot Camps.” Testimony was heard from Audrey Gibson, State Representative, Florida; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING VETERANS' CHARITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Assessing Veterans' Charities. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; Tracy L. McCurdy, Director, Bureau of Charitable Organizations, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.